the WAKEFIELD High School PTA Bulletin

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT
for Wakefield Parents
Monday, October 3, 1960 - 8 p.m.
Meet in boy's gym before going to first class

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Bring your child's schedule so that you can follow it through a compressed "typical school day." Bells will announce change of class In each class, the teacher will outline the course and answer questions of a general nature, but will not be able to confer with you on individual problems. The teacher or guidance counselor will be glad to schedule a personal conference if desired.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE PTA will be given in the home rooms for those of you who have not sent in PTA dues in the envelope sent home the first day of school. If you still have the card, fill it out and have it ready to save time. Over 1500 responded the first day. It looks like another good year for our PTA.

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MESSAGE FROM PTA PRESIDENT:

Greetings to all Wakefield parents and a cordial invitation to you to participate fully in your PTA's activities--by attendance at meetings whenever possible and by volunteering your services when needed.

Please note that our first meeting has been postponed one week. The normal schedule of the 4th Monday (September 26 as announced in the Handbook for Wakefield Parents) was in conflict with the first of the announced Kennedy-Nixon TV debates. We polled a number of our members beforehand and found that the majority favored the change in date. This is an indication that most of our members take their citizenship seriously and plan to be well informed in order to vote intelligently and conscientiously in the National election. We need to be equally conscientious about our local election.

The County Board Race is important to schools. The County Board can have a tremendous influence on school policy through the kind of people it appoints to the School Board. Each of us ought to study the candidates for County Board with this in mind. There are two vacancies and three candidates. Only one candidate, Mr. Wilt, is running unopposed for the remainder of David Krupsaw's term. Tom Richards and Luke Blevins are contesting for the 4 year term.

Dr. Blevins, the incumbent, was elected to the County Board 4 years ago representing AIM (Arlington Independent Movement), now defunct. He is running as a Democrat, having been nominated by the Democratic Committee (there was no primary contest for this postion).

Tom Richards has been active in ABC (Arlingtonians for a Better County). He was selected at a non-partisan open convention to which each Arlington voter was invited and about 500 attended. Richards was selected over four other nominees on the third ballot.

ABC and AIM members of the County Board have taken different stands in the past on appointees to the School Board and on school budgets. Study the record and the candidates and then work for the man you think will best promote a top-notch school system for Arlington.

Democracy is not just a concept--it is citizens in action. If we are to stay a democracy, citizens must accept responsibility and carry out their civic functions through intelligent action. This means spending some time and energy on local affairs, including elections, as well as on State and National affairs. This, of course, cuts into our repose before the TV set, but it is more satisfying and is necessary to our survival. We must remember, too, that children tend to follow our example. If we shirk the responsibilities of citizenship we will be providing a poor example for the citizens of tomorrow and opening the way for a man on horseback.

There is always someone who is willing to exercise the power of government for us if we forfeit our right through ignorance and inaction.

Theodore W. Taylor., President

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COLLEGE NIGHT, of particular interest to Seniors and their parents, but open to Juniors and other students if interested, will be on October 19, 1960. From 7:30 to 8 p.m., representatives of about 60 colleges will be in the cafeteria, so that students and parents can get a quick look at some of the schools they may not have heard of. Beginning at 8 o'clock, there will be three half-hour periods during which the college representatives will be assigned to classrooms. Students and their parents will be able to visit three of those rooms to learn more about their three preferred colleges. An announcement will be sent home just prior to College night.

SENIOR GUIDANCE COUNSELORS will be glad to schedule appointments with parents to talk about their children's plans for the future Miss Wilson is counselor for seniors in 12-1 through 12-12. Mrs. Algore is counselor for sections 12-13 through 12-26. Call the school office for an appointment.

In addition to College Night on October 19, representatives from other colleges and universities--especially some of the larger ones and those from the midwestern states--come to Wakefield at various times to meet with interested students and parents. Miss Wilson is trying to arrange for evening visits, when possible, and will announce the arrangements so that parents can plan to come in and talk with representatives of the schools they are particularly interested in.

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WELCOME TO WAKEFIELD and hopes for an interesting year to Kinji Tsunashims, our foreign exchange student from Japan. Kinji will be staying in the home of the Loutzenheisers during the school year.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: Virginia State PTA Convention will be held in Richmond, October 24-26. Anyone interested in being a delegate, please call president Ted Taylor.

Note: For phone numbers and addresses of all officers and committee chairmen, look on page 25 of your green Handbook For Wakefield Parents. The school calendar, a list of the school staff and all the teachers, and much other useful information is in the handbook. Please read it and keep it handy for reference!

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SEASONS TICKETS FOR ALL 30 ATHLETIC EVENTS are available for $9.00 for parents (per person). and would admit elementary-school children. These include all the home games for football, basketball, wrestling, and baseball. Information available from Director of Athletics, Milo Sonen. Make checks payable to Wakefield High School and include self-addressed stamped envelope. FIRST GAME is September 23.

That's all *******See you October 3.

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